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SMART CARD CAPABILITY

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

October 14, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Commissioner:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2003. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance, wherein:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 and

Remarks begin on page 6.

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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In addition, Applicants respectfully note that the Office Action mailed July 16, 2003 was incorrectly identified with the law firm of Ryan Kromholz & Manion. *See July 22, 2003 letter from Ryan Kromholz & Manion attached hereto as Exhibit A.* Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that all further correspondences from the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") concerning the present application be directed to:

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as identified in the 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement filed with the PTO on January 11, 2002 and attached hereto as Exhibit B.